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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,¹ and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented) A process for producing an additive for optical resins, wherein said additive includes organic-inorganic-composite particles having a structure including an organic polymer framework and a polysiloxane framework as essential frameworks, wherein said polysiloxane framework has a network structure, wherein said process comprises the steps of:

- i) emulsifying a polymerizable monomer; then
- ii) making particles having said polysiloxane framework absorb said polymerizable monomer that has been emulsified; and then
- iii) carrying out polymerization involving said polymerizable monomer absorbed in said particles having said polysiloxane framework.

7. (previously presented) An optical resin composition, comprising an additive for optical resins and a transparent resin, wherein said additive is obtained by the process as recited in claim 6.

8. (previously presented) A process for producing an additive for optical resins according to claim 6, wherein said additive includes a set of particles, and wherein said set of particles has an average particle diameter in a range of 0.01 to 200 μm and a coefficient of variation in particle diameter in a range of not more than 10 %.

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9. (previously presented) A process for producing an additive for optical resins according to claim 6, wherein said additive includes a set of particles, and wherein each of said particles of said set has a shape that is approximately the shape of a sphere.

10. (previously presented) An optical resin composition according to claim 7, wherein said resin composition is obtained by a process including the steps of adding and dispersing said additive into a base resin as said transparent resin.

11. (previously presented) A light-diffusing plate, comprising the optical resin composition as recited in claim 10.

12. (currently amended) ~~A light-leading plate, comprising the optical resin composition as recited in claim 10~~ A light-leading plate, comprising an optical resin composition, wherein said optical resin composition comprises an additive for optical resins and a transparent resin, wherein said optical resin composition is obtained by a process including the steps of adding and dispersing said additive into a base resin as said transparent resin, wherein said additive includes organic-inorganic-composite particles having a structure including an organic polymer framework and a polysiloxane framework as essential frameworks, wherein said polysiloxane framework has a network structure, wherein said additive is produced by a process comprising the steps of:

1) emulsifying a polymerizable monomer; then

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ii) making particles having said polysiloxane framework absorb said polymerizable monomer that has been emulsified; and then

iii) carrying out polymerization involving said polymerizable monomer absorbed in said particles having said polysiloxane framework.

13. ~~(currently amended) An optical resin composition according to claim 7, wherein said resin composition is obtained by a process including the step of laminating or coating a mixture including a binder resin, as said transparent resin, and said additive onto a surface of a base material~~ A base material having a surface layer, wherein said surface layer is obtained by laminating or coating the optical resin composition according to claim 7 on the surface of the base material.

14. (previously presented) A light-diffusing sheet, comprising the optical resin composition as recited in claim 13.

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